



GREECE AND TURKEY TRAVEL STUDY

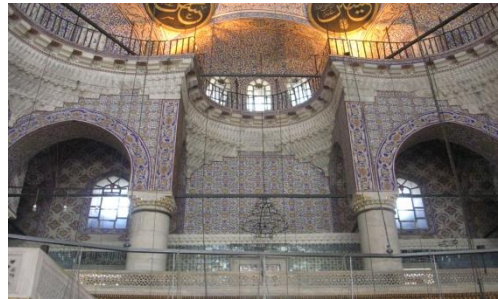
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Top, left to right: Hellenistic ruins at Ephesus; Santorini; the Parthenon, Athens. Bottom, left to right: Hagia Sophia, Suleymaniye Mosque, Ortakoy – all in Istanbul

Explore two great civilizations! Greece, the cradle of western civilization, gave us Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Alexander the Great, and democracy. Greek culture has influenced European and Asian history from the Atlantic to Afghanistan. The beauty of her landscape, her classical ruins, and her deep blue Aegean Sea are unsurpassed. Turkey is history's great crossroad bridging Europe and Asia: 2500 years ago Persian king Darius conquered the area; 2300 years ago Alexander built his Hellenistic empire in Turkey; 2000 years ago St. Paul preached the Gospels throughout Turkey; 1700 years ago Roman Emperor Constantine made Istanbul the capital of the Roman and Byzantine empires. 500 years ago the Ottomans ruled the Islamic world from Turkey and made Istanbul Europe's most powerful city. Today Istanbul remains one of the world's most vibrant cities.

Points of interest:

- Istanbul – city of Greek, Roman, Christian, Turkish, and Islamic cultures – including the Hagia Sophia (for centuries the largest and most important Christian church) the Suleymaniye Mosque, magnificent bazaars
- Pergamum and Ephesus – among the best-preserved ruins of the Classical world
- Aegean cruise including the island of Santorini and Mykonos
- Athens – heart of classical Greek civilization – including the Acropolis and Parthenon

Cost and inclusions: TBA

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